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#### Editor's Letter

March 1984

It's here again - your newsletter. This time the emphasis seems to be on the software side. The introduction of Megabug, reviewed in this issue, and Fig Forth have again proved (if it needed proving) just how flexible a machine INTERAK is. I can see that if this keeps up we will soon have as much software as any machine on the market. Please keep it coming in, it may be worth your while as Greenbank are sponsoring a competition details of which may be found in this issue.

Some of the Radio Amateurs who have systems have asked for a list of other Radio Amateurs who are also members of the Interaktion User Group. I would like to compile such a list and perhaps distribute it to like minded fellows, so if you are interested let me know.

The book library is growing slowly but some new books have been added, so please use it, it's yours. Well I will leave you to enjoy your newsletter - keep your articles rolling in.

Peter Vella

#### Interaktion User Group - Constitution

- 1. The aim of the group is to encourage the understanding of the inner workings of computers in general, and specifically the Interak computer(s).
- 2. A subscription fee is charged, to be paid annually on a specified date, although membership may begin at any time of the year. The fee entitles the member to one year's supply of the "Interaktion" Newsletter, (which it is intended to be published quarterly), use of the Group's Library of books, data sheets etc., any software which can be made available, and also a Hardware "library" (tools, test equipment etc.), if one can be established. For all these services a small additional fee may be charged, so that the few will not be enjoying facilities at the expense of the many.
- 3. The group will attempt to negotiate special arrangements on any items of hardware or software, to make available things which might not otherwise be available to members (e.g. special Interak versions of well-known software products which can be sold under licence).
- 4. The group may purchase selected items of hardware or software, to form the basis of newsletter articles, for evaluation purposes, or as demonstration pieces to show to other users or potential users.
- 5. If the users think it appropriate, stands can be taken at exhibitions, to publicise the system and the group.
- 6. Similarly, if there is a demand, special trips to exhibitions and the like can be arranged. A social secretary can be appointed if members would like to widen their interests beyond simple Interak matters.
- 7. Local groups of users can be set up, and regular meetings held if desired, also special interest groups e.g. Radio Amateurs, if there is sufficient enthusiasm.
- 8. A register can be maintained of "Good Samaritans" who can help new users in difficulties for example to provide local help to save users the cost of a long distance peak rate call to their supplier.
- 9. Any other ideas, activities: let me know, I am here to help, we can do whatever the majority want.

Peter Vella

#### Software Report 1.

#### VELTEXT

This is a basic piece of word processing software written specifically for the Interak computer. It works best on a 64 character/line screen where the final printed page will look the same as what you see on the screen.

Veltext provides most of the fundamental word processing functions and is a good way of turning your computer into a tool which will be useful not only to yourself but also to other members of the family.

The features which Veltext has include a full range of cursor control commands, saving to and loading from tape, block copying and insertion. A summary of Veltext commands appears at the end of this review.

Because of the large number of commands needed to provide all the functions included in Veltext it is necessarily complicated to use - but of course there is no way round that. Many of the more sophisticated functions are performed by using a control key - control K or control Q, presenting the user is presented with a menu of options of which he is expected to chose one.

Veltext also provides a means of controlling the more sophisticated functions on printers like the Epson which can be instructed to work in different modes, and to aid tabulation gives a continuous readout of the cursor row and column.

One particular feature of the load command is that it loads named files - the names being a single character - which is useful if you have several files on one tape. If you forget the name of the file then Veltext will find it for you whereupon you can restart the loading procedure.

There are several features missing from Veltext which would make it easier to use although it is not intended to be a sophisticated program. I would like to see line and word delete functions and a simple way of inserting a new blank line. Word wrapping would also be nice but it's not something you can't do without. My version came with a very early sort of prototype manual which didn't have a quick and easy summary of all the commands available; I think this would be a good idea because I keep forgetting them.

Conclusion.

In spite of one or two drawbacks I have found that of all my software this is one of the programs that I have used the most and anybody who buys it should find it very useful.

(See next page for Veltext Command Summary)

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# VELTEXT COMMANDS

1E - cursor up	1x - cursor down
1S - cursor left	1D - right
TZ - scroll up one line	↑W - scroll down one lines
TR - scroll up six lines	1C - scroll down six lines
DEL- delete to the left	1G - delete to the right
1p - printer control	70 - exit to the monitor

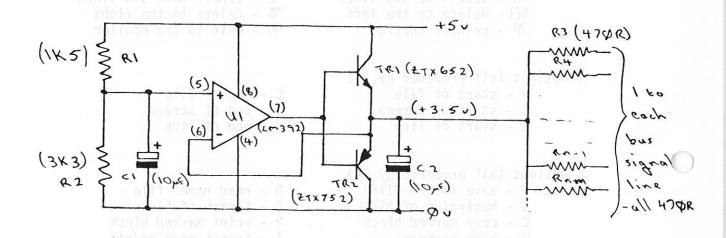
options (all preceded by 70)	
R - start of file	C - end of file
E - start of screen	X - end of screen
S - start of line	D - end of line

K options (all preceded by TK)	
W - save (named file)	R - read named file
B - beginning of block	F - finish of block
C - copy marked block	P - print marked block
H - hide markers	<pre>I - insert mode on/off</pre>
D - delete file.	

1/4 watt or larger.

own single chip micro for control, so I don't know how slow a PROM you can use (in practice rather than theory), but I personally would try to get hold of a 250ms type.

The following design for an ISBUS Active Terminator by Andrew Chapman is of great interest. His letter below gives other suggestions.



Parts List. - (xx) = used on prototype.

R1/R2	1/4 watt or larger.
R3-Rn	- These can be single or in SIL packs.
C1	10nF to 10 uF almost anything will do.
C2	10 uf (any voltage).
U1	- the numbers shown above are for a LM392 but any
	OP Amp which will work from 5Volts should do ok.
TR1	500 mA (min) NPN eg ZTX650, BC142, BC327
TR2	500 mA (min) PNP eg ZTX750, BC143, BC337

On my Kemitron MZB-4 CPU card I also have a 330R pull-up to +5v for Ø (line A33). With a 6MHZ Xtal and a 6MHZ Mostek CPU and either 64K dynamic RAM or 32K static, this will run for hours and still show no memory faults. I do not use any ROM on my system - I have designed a 2732 PROM simulator using a 150ns RAM with its own single chip micro for control, so I don't know how slow a PROM you can use (in practice rather than theory), but I personally would try to get hold of a 250ns type.

Andrew Chapman.

### Software Report 2. The sense and the sense a

# MEGABUG

Megabug is a fully interactive machine code debugging system which is written for the Interak computer. It will present you with a front panel type display of the Z80's registers which can be modified using cursor commands. You can then execute a program either continuously or in single step mode under the control of Megabug. When running a program under Megabug you can interrupt it at any point simply by pressing the space bar and you will be presented with the Z80 register panel. This is an especially useful feature if you are debugging a program which expects input from the keyboard – just wait for the prompt to appear then interrupt using the space bar and alter the registers as necessary.

Megabug will work on programs which operate on the Interak screen as it uses an auxiliary screen memory area which is copied to the VDU when the object program (the program being debugged) is executing, and back again when Megabug needs it. For this reason Megabug is transparent to any program running under it. It will also work on ROM based programs as it uses a dynamic program execution technique rather than the more familiar method of inserting breakpoints into the actual program code. It also does not require any hardware modifications as it does not need to produce interrupts to perform its single stepping function.

System Requirements.

Megabug requires a working Interak computer with a 64 char/line VDU occupying addresses F000 to F5FF and an ASCII keyboard on port 40H using bit 7 as a strobe. It will support an optional printer using port 07 as the output data and port 06 as the status port (bit 7 is the ready flag). Megabug resides in memory from B000 to B8E2 and uses memory up to BFFF as workspace and auxiliary screen memory.

Megabug is a valuable addition to your machine code tool kit. It can be used either in the development of your programs or to investigate the workings of any machine code program which you possess. In either case Megabug will make debugging machine code programs both simpler and quicker.

#### BASIC Games (1)

Here is the first of two games that I have written. One is for ZYBASIC the other for the new 14K XTAL Basic.

#### HAPPY SUMS

This game is aimed at the younger members of the family, and will help them learn as they play. The control part of the program selects a function (+ or -) and two numbers. The rest of the program is concerned with presenting larger than life numbers and funny faces. The program is a little slow so be patient.

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1 DOFF
11 REM * HAPPY SUMS *
15 REM * BY *
2Ø REM * P.P.VELLA *
25 REM ************
3Ø CLS
4Ø X2=13:Y1=2Ø:GOS.91ØØ
45 PAGE :LINE7:P."GET YOUR SUMS RIGHT"
5Ø P."AND MAKE ME SMILE"
6Ø X2=13:Y1=2Ø:GOS.91ØØ
70 P.TAB(6)"MAKE ME SAD"
75 LINE 22:P. "press any key to start"
8Ø INK.A:IF A=ØG.8Ø
100 X2=0:Y=1
15Ø CLS
200 Y1=1
29Ø FOR G=1TO3
295 X1=1

3ØØ S=RND(2):R=RND(11):R1=RND(1Ø)

31Ø N=R-1:N1=R1-1

32Ø IF (N>N1)+(S=1)G.34Ø

33Ø IF S=2 N1=D 1
33Ø IF S=2 N1=R-1
335 N=R1-1
34Ø IF S=1 GOS.9345
35Ø IF S=2 GOS.93ØØ
355 R=N:R1=N1
357 IF N<1ØG.37Ø
358 RESTORE
359 FOR L=1T035:READ D:N.L
361 FOR X= 45 TO 39 STEP-1
363 FOR Y=5TO 9:READD:IF D=1SET(Y+Y1,X)
365 N.Y
367 N.X
368 N=N-1Ø
37Ø FOR N2=1TO2
375 RESTORE
38Ø IF N=ØG.4ØØ
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39Ø FOR L=1T035*N:READ D:N.LT. #. I.O. O. O. J. J. J. J. J. J. O. N. ATAG NING
400 FOR X=46T040 STEP-1
410 FOR Y=10T014
41Ø FOR Y=1ØT014
42Ø READD:IF D=1 SET(Y+Y1,X-X1)
430 N.Y
440 N.X
445 X1=10:N=N1
447 N.N2
450 FOR Y2=Y+Y1-12TOY+Y1
455 SET(Y2,28):SET(Y2,18)
460 N.Y2
479 DOFF: PAGE: LINE23: IN. "WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?" A2
48Ø LINE23:P." "
485 SCROLL:LINE1
49Ø IF (((S=1)*(A2=R+R1))+((S=2)*(A2=R-R1)))G.52Ø
500 GOSUB 9100
51Ø G.479
52Ø REM RIGHT
525 IF A2<1Ø G.54Ø
527 RESTORE
53Ø FOR L=1T035:READD:N.L (SX+X, TY+Y)T3234+C101A+Y NO3 VIII
532 FOR X=26 TO 2ØSTEP-1
534 FOR Y=5T09:READ D:IF D=1SET(Y+Y1,X)
535 N.Y
536 N.X
537 A2=A2-1Ø
54Ø RESTORE
541 IF A2=ØG.544
542 FOR L=1T035*A2:READ D:N.L
544 FOR X=26T02ØSTEP-1
546 FOR Y=10T014:READD:IFD=1SET(Y+Y1,X)
548 N.Y
55Ø N.X
56Ø GOS.9ØØØ
58Ø Y1=Y1+2Ø
590 N.G
595 FOR W=1T04@@@:N.W
600 G.150
2000 S.
3\emptyset\emptyset1 \ \ \mathsf{DATA} \ \ \emptyset,1,1,\emptyset,\emptyset,\emptyset,\emptyset,1,\emptyset,\emptyset,\emptyset,\emptyset,1,\emptyset,\emptyset,\emptyset,1,\emptyset,\emptyset,\emptyset,1,\emptyset,\emptyset,\emptyset,1,\emptyset,\emptyset,\emptyset,1,1,1,\emptyset
9000 REM RIGHT
9005 RESTORE
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1,1,\emptyset,\emptyset,1,1,1,1,\emptyset,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,\emptyset,\emptyset,\emptyset,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,\emptyset,\emptyset
9Ø2Ø FOR X=16T07 STEP-1
9022 FOR Y=4TO 13:RESET(Y+Y1,X+X2)
9Ø25 N.Y
9027 N.X
9Ø3Ø FOR L=1TO35Ø:READ D:N.L
9Ø4Ø FORX=16T07STEP-1
9Ø5Ø FOR Y=4T013
9060 READ D:IF D=1 SET(Y+Y1,X+X2)
9070 N.Y
9080 N.X
9090 RETURN
9100 REM WRONG
9105 RESTORE
9110 DATA0,0,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,0,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,\nu,
    \emptyset,1,1,1,1,\emptyset,1,1,\emptyset,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,\emptyset,\emptyset,\emptyset,\emptyset,1,1,1,1,1,\emptyset,\emptyset
9115 FOR X=16T07STEP-1
9117 FOR Y=4T013:RESET(Y+Y1,X+X2)
9118 N.Y
9120 N.X
913Ø FOR L=1T045Ø:READ D:N.L
914Ø FOR X=16T07STEP-1
9145 FOR Y=4T013
915Ø READ D:IFD=1 SET(Y+Y1,X+X2)
9160 N.Y
917Ø N.X
918Ø RETURN
9300 REM -
9315 RESTORE
932Ø FOR L=1T0555:READ D:N.L
9325 FOR X=35T03Ø STEP -1
933Ø FOR Y=1T05
9335 READ D:IFD=1SET(Y+Y1,X+X1)
9337 N.Y
9340 N.X
9342 R.
9345 REM +
9355 RESTORE
9365 FOR L=1T059Ø:READ D:N.L
9367 FOR X=35TO3Ø STEP-1
937Ø FOR Y=1T05
9373 READD: IF D=1SET(Y+Y1, X+X1)
9376 N.Y
9378 N.X
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9379 RETURN

## BASIC Games (2) (beanting contists years)

The second BASIC program is written for XTAL BASIC and a VDU2K but I am sure it can be modified to suit other formats. You are presented with a maze in three dimensions; you can move foward (F), look to the East (E), look to the West (W), look to the North (N) or look to the South. You start off at the South West of the maze and the hidden exit is at the North East. This game will make you pull out your hair, best of luck.

CRAZY MAZENES OTOS THE STATE OF STA

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530 PRINT"SOUTH": COTO SEG
10 DIM M(9.9)
2Ø PRINT :CLS:RESTORE

3Ø FOR C= 1 TO 3Ø:READ Z:NEXT C

4Ø FOR Y = Ø TO 9 :FOR X=Ø TO 9

5Ø READ M(X,Y):NEXT X:NEXT Y

6Ø PX= Ø:PY = Ø: B=1

7Ø TX = PX: TY =PY

8Ø CLS :RESTORE :FOR C= 1 TO 6
8Ø CLS :RESTORE:FOR C= 1 TO 6
90 READ LX,UX,LY,UY,D:MX = TX :MY = TY Daa, DAA, NEA OTDO D NO NSA
100 GOSUB 870
110 \text{ F} = M(MX,MY):ON B GOTO 120,130,140,150}
120 Z=F AND 8: GOTO 160
13Ø Z=F AND 1: GOTO 16Ø
140 Z=F AND 2: GOTO 160
15Ø Z=F AND 4
16Ø IF Z<>Ø GOTO 19Ø
17Ø GOSUB 67Ø
18Ø GOTO 2ØØ
19Ø GOSUB 76Ø
200 ON B GOTO 210,220,230,240
210 Z=F AND 2:GOTO 250
22Ø Z=F AND 4:GOTO 25Ø
230 Z=F AND 8 : GOTO 250
24Ø Z=F AND 8 : GOTO 25Ø

24Ø Z=F AND 1

25Ø IF Z <> Ø GOTO 28Ø

26Ø GOSUB 73Ø

27Ø GOTO 29Ø
                           RIG SET UX+Y*2,UY+Y:SET UX+Y*2+1,UY+Y
28Ø GOSUB 8ØØ
29Ø ON B GOTO 3ØØ,31Ø,32Ø,33Ø

3ØØ Z=F AND 1: GOTO 34Ø

31Ø Z=F AND 2: GOTO 34Ø
310 Z=F AND 2: GOTO 340
320 Z=F AND 4: GOTO 340
33Ø Z=F AND 8
340 IF C = 1 THEN BF = Z
35Ø IF Z <>Ø GOTO 43Ø
36Ø ON B GOTO 37Ø,38Ø,39Ø,4ØØ
37Ø TX=MX:TY=MY+1:GOTO 41Ø
38Ø TX=MX+1: TY=MY: GOTO 41Ø
39Ø TX=MX: TY=MY-1:GOTO 41Ø
400 TX=MX-1:TY=MY
410 NEXT C
42Ø Z=1:GOTO44Ø
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#### (Crazy Maze Listing Continued)

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43Ø GOSUB 84Ø
 440 REM stempt medio itua ou belilhom ad mas it esus ma I sud
 45Ø IF PY<>9 OR PX<>9 GOTO 49Ø
 46Ø PRINT @4,15; "CONGRATULATIONS YOU MADE IT ";
47Ø FOR C=1 TO 3ØØØ:NEXT C
48Ø RETURN
 49Ø PRINT@4,1 ;"POSN ";PX;PY;" LOOKING ";
 500 ON B GOTO 510,520,530,540
 51Ø PRINT "NORTH";:GOTO 55Ø
52Ø PRINT"EAST ";: GOTO 55Ø
 53Ø PRINT"SOUTH";: GOTO 55Ø
 540 PRINT"WEST ":
 55Ø INPUT " -DIRECTION ";A$
550 INPUT " -DIRECTION "; A$
560 IF A$="N" THEN B=1:GOTO 70
570 IF A$="E" THEN B=2:GOTO 70
580 IF A$="S" THEN B=3:GOTO 70
590 IF A$="W" THEN B=4:GOTO 70
600 IF A$="F" AND BF=0 GOTO620
610 GOTO 70
620 ON B GOTO 630,640,650,660
630 PY=PY+1:GOTO 70
 63Ø PY=PY+1:GOTO 7Ø
63Ø PY=PY+1:GOTO 7Ø
64Ø PX=PX+1:GOTO 7Ø
65Ø PY=PY-1:GOTO 7Ø
66Ø PX=PX-1:GOTO 7Ø
67Ø FOR X = 1 TO 2*D-1
 67Ø FOR X = 1 TO 2*D-1
68Ø SET LY Y LY 0
 68Ø SET LX-X,LY:SET LX-X,UY
 69Ø NEXT X:RETURN
700 FOR X=1 TO 2*D-1
710 SET UX+X,LY:SET UX+X,UY
720 MEYT X: DETURN
71Ø SET UX+X,LY:SET UX+X,UY
72Ø NEXT X: RETURN
73Ø FOR X=1 TO 2*D-1
74Ø SET UX+X,LY:SET UX+X,UY
75Ø NEXT X: RETURN
76Ø FOR Y=Ø TO D 1
76Ø FOR Y=Ø TO D-1
77Ø SET LX-Y*2,LY-Y:SET LX-Y*2-1,LY-Y
78Ø SET LX-Y*2,UY+Y:SET LX-Y*2-1,UY+Y
 76Ø FOR Y=Ø TO D-1
800 \text{ FOR } Y = 0 \text{ TO } D-1
810 SET UX+Y*2,UY+Y:SET UX+Y*2+1,UY+Y
82Ø SET UX+Y*2,LY-Y:SET UX+Y*2+1,LY-Y
83Ø NEXT Y:RETURN
83Ø NEXT Y:RETURN
84Ø FOR X=LX TO UX
850 SET X,UY:SET X,LY
860 NEXT X:RETURN
87Ø FOR Y =LY TO UY

88Ø SET LX,Y :SET UX,Y

89Ø NEXT Y :RETURN

9ØØ DATA 6,85,2,4Ø,3

91Ø DATA 17,74,7,35,6

92Ø DATA 25,66,11,31,4

93Ø DATA 33,58.15.27.4
93Ø DATA 33,58,15,27,4
940 DATA 39,52,18,24,3
95Ø DATA 43,48,2Ø,22,2
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#### (Crazy Maze Listing Continued)

96Ø DATA 12,5,4,7,12,4,5,5,5,6
97Ø DATA 10,12,2,12,3,8,4,4,6,11
98Ø DATA 8,2,8,1,4,2,10,10,9,6
99Ø DATA 10,10,8,6,10,10,8,1,7,10
1000 DATA 9,3,10,10,8,2,9,6,12,3
1010 DATA 12,5,3,10,10,10,12,3,9,7
1020 DATA 10,12,4,3,8,1,2,12,5,7
1030 DATA 10,10,10,12,1,6,11,10,12,6
1040 DATA 10,10,9,2,12,2,12,2,10,10
1050 DATA 9,1,7,9,3,9,3,9,3,11

#### COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT DE LA SEMENTA DE LA

In order to encourage users to send in to the Interaktion User Group examples of software they have written, developed, or implemented for the Interak Computer, a small prize has been offered by Greenbank Electronics. (The work need not be original or unpublished, but don't send in anything which will result in your going to gaol!)

Up to one prize a month will be offered, until further notice, and each will be an Interak Bare Board. In the absence of entries of sufficient merit (as judged by Greenbank Electronics) the prize will not be awarded, and exceptionally more than one prize per month will be given.

#### Conditions:

- 1. The prizewinners must be published in the Interaktion Newsletter.
- 2. The software must be made available for distribution to other users, at a price to be agreed, or preferably simply for the cost of distribution.
- 3. The prize can be exchanged for another board by an Interak supplier, at the supplier's option; it cannot be exchanged for goods or credit. (It can of course be sold or given away.)

#### Prize Number 1

The prize is a DRM-64 Bare Board, (value £17.75 + VAT), awarded to the contributor of:

Crazy Maze Game for Crystal BASIC 64.

Judge's Comments: After all I said about games and how boring they are! This one had me hooked - before I knew it, I'd got out my pencil and paper and was drawing a plan of the maze, and I couldn't stop until I'd solved it. What did I do then? - Went straight back in for another go! Good use is made of the elementary pixel graphics to draw a surprisingly realistic three-dimensional sketch of a maze, which looks like corridors through which the user has to "walk" - a realistic simulation of the internal architecture of our most modern office buildings.

#### Note from Greenbank:

The contributor of the above implementation of this popular game turned out to be none other than our old friend Pete Vella, but this was not known at the time. Although there is nothing in the rules to say he can't have the prize (in fact in view of the work he puts in he actually deserves a bigger prize than anyone!), he has graciously declined to accept it because it sounds like a "fix"! (We'll use the money to buy postage stamps for the user group instead.)

#### FOR SALE

Dear Peter.

As suggested some time ago I am writing to you with details of my INTERAK system that I would like to sell.

I would very much like to sell the whole system as a complete unit as the individual components are now of no value to me. The system details are as follows:-

- 1. MZB-3 CPU BOARD
- VIDE bave a 12 month quarant dRAOB OBDITA 2.
- 2 off DYNAMIC RAM
  16K CMOS STATIC RAM
  16K CMOS 4.
- KEYBOARD INTERFACE and serend oden greendostunem astrica 5.
- 6. HALL EFFECT SWITCH PROFESSIONAL QUALITY KEYBOARD
- TAPE INTERFACE FOR TAPE SYSTEM BELOW and made assudated 7.
- 8. RACAL COMPUTER TAPE DECK hange and result tool some states
- 9. 10A POWER SUPPLY
- 10. ALL HOUSED IN STEEL CABINET WITH ALUMINIUM CARD FRONTS.

The back plane houses 6 Kemitron type edge connectors and 4 sockets for the static RAM, tape interface and keyboard interface. All is in working order but the tape interface does require some sorting. (It probably only needs one new chip.)

I think that the whole lot is worth about £200; I have not given any thought to the price of individual parts but if there is a good response then I will split if most parts will go.

Many thanks for your help in the past and for your offer to advertise my gear.

Best wishes for the future and I look forward to the flood of replies.

Paul Stevens, 41 Grove Road, Nottingham. (Wood-free paper is preferred for printers because it produces a lot less dust or "paper fluff" which can cloq up the printing

FOR SALE

head and mechanism in a printe

Interak 1 for sale.

VDU-K ISBUS-1.1 MZB-3 + ZYMON 2 MXD-2 LKP-1

Offers for the above to: Mr S. Hall, 69 Buckingham Road, Maghull, Merseyside. L31 7DN Telephone: 051-531 0926

#### FOR SALE

New additions to the stock range at Greenbank Electronics.

#### New Printers:

EPSON RX80: 100 characters per second

EPSON FX80: 160 characters per second

Both types have a 12 month guarantee, and a reputation for excellent performance and reliability. EPSON sets the standard, which is confirmed by the observation that less well known printer manufacturers make theirs "EPSON Compatible". The RX and FX models supercede the well known MX model; the RX has fewer features than the old MX, the FX has all the MX features and extra ones (not least the speed improvement).

A great benefit of buying a well-known make is that spares, ribbons etc. are widely and cheaply available.

### Ribbons for Epson Printers:

The Epson FX, RX and MX printers all have the same ribbon cartridge with a life of about 3 million characters; spares are available from Greenbank for a few pounds.

#### Fanfold Paper

9.5" x 11" (For EPSON MX80, RX80, FX80 etc.)

Bulk boxes of 2000 sheets.

Croxley brand, wood-free 60 gsm. Plain or music ruled. Perforated.

(Wood-free paper is preferred for printers because it produces a lot less dust or "paper fluff" which can clog up the printing head and mechanism in a printer.)

SOFTWARE LIBRARY

(Please enquire for cost of postage, and items marked POA)

NAME TO VIVOS	DESCRIPTION	AUTHO	OR CODE	SUPP.	FORMAT	COST
ZYMON 2	INTERAK monitor	BE	MC	GB	Α	GB
ZYBASIC 2	INTERAK BASIC	NK	MC	GB	Α	GB
ZYMON 2	INTERAK monitor	BE	MC	UG	C	POA
ZYBASIC 2	INTERAK BASIC	NK	MC	UG	C	POA
XTAL BASIC	14K BASIC	XL	MC	UG	A,C	£40
FIGFORTH	Forth Compiler	CD	MC	UG	A,C	£15
ASM 32	Editor Assembler	NK	MC	UG	A,C	£10
HC DISASS	Simple Disassembler	HC	MC	UG	A	£3
REVAS	Better Disassembler	DP	MC	UG	Α	POA
MEGABUG	Debug/Training Package	RO	MC	UG	C	£13
VELTEXT	Text Editor	PV	MC MC	UG	A,C	£5
Lander	Lander Game	PV	XL	UG	C	7
Towers	Towers Puzzle	PV	XL	UG	C	> PP
Crazy Maze	"3D" Maze Game	PV	u jumen XL	UG	C	1
Avalanche	Blob Dodging Game	DB	ZB2	UG	Α	PP
Monster Mash	Maze Game	BE	ZB2	UG	Α	PP
Graph	Graph Plotter	MC	ZB2	UG	Α	PP
Rakovsky	Chess Game	NK	MC	UG	A,C	£3
AC10.XX	(Chess Character EPROM	for	VDU-K) -	UG	A,C	) 23
Happy Sums	Fun maths	PV	ZB2	UG	Α	PP
Hangman	Spelling game	PV	ZB2	UG	A	PP
0's and X's	Game	PV	ZB2	UG	Α	PP
Pools Pick	Random Draw Selector	Pγ	ZB2	UG	Α	PP
Count	Learn to count	PΛ	ZB2	UG	Α	PP
Dice Pontoon	Simple Game	PV	ZB2	UG	Α	PP
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Key: MC machine code. ZB2 ZYBASIC. XL X/TAL BASIC. GB Greenbank. UG User Group. PP Postage & Packing. POA Please enquire (Price on Application).

Formats:  $A = 32 \times 24 \text{ VDU-K}$ ,  $B = 64 \times 16$ ,  $C = 64 \times 24 \text{ (VDU-2K)}$ 

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<u>Title</u>	Author/Publisher
LANGUAGE BOOKS	
TRS 80 Assembly Language Programming	Radio Shack
Z80 Assembly Language Programm Manual	ing Zilog
A Course in Basic Programming	Sinclair
Making the Most of your ZX 80	Tim Hartnell
30 Hour Basic	C.Prigmore
Basic for Home Computers a Self-Teaching Guide	J.Brown
Course in Standard Coral 66	J.D.Halliwel &
Simple Pascal	J.McGregor & A.Watt
Lecture Notes in Computer Scie Pascal User Manual and Report	nce K.Jensen & N.Wirth

# DATA BOOKS

Data Book 1980

Mostek 1982/1983 Microelectronic Data Book (memory/CPU/Peripherals)	Mostek
Memory Data Book and Designers Guide	Mostek
Bytewyde Memory Data Book 1981	Mostek
National Semiconductor Memory Data Book 1980	National
National Semiconductor Interface	National

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Title

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DATA BOOKS (continued)

TTL Data Book

National

The European Selection (memory/interface/linear)

Motorola

**GENERAL & ELECTRONICS** 

Computer Technology for Technicians and Technical Engineers Vol. 1

R. Watkin

Electronic Computers Made Simple

H. Jacobowitz

Test Instruments for Electronics (how to build test instruments)

M. Clifford

Practical Test Instruments You Can Build

W. Green

How to Troubleshoot & Repair

Electronic Test Equipment

M. Horowitz

Computers and the Social Sciences

A. Brier & I. Robinson

MANUALS etc.

Epson MX-80 Type II Operation Manual

**Epson** 

Newbury 8000 Series VDU Terminal Operator Instruction Manual

Newbury Labs

Electronics Projects Index (A descriptive guide to 2500 projects published in popular magazines. Quite old now.)

Polytechnic

**NEW ADDITIONS** 

Why Do You Need a Personal Computer?

Leventhal & Straffars

Computer Programming in the Classroom

B.J.Jackson

TABS Accounting Business Systems User Guide Vol 1

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Easy Add-on Projects for Spectrum, ZX-81, Jupiter Ace

Owen Bishop

6502 Games

Rodney Zaks

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